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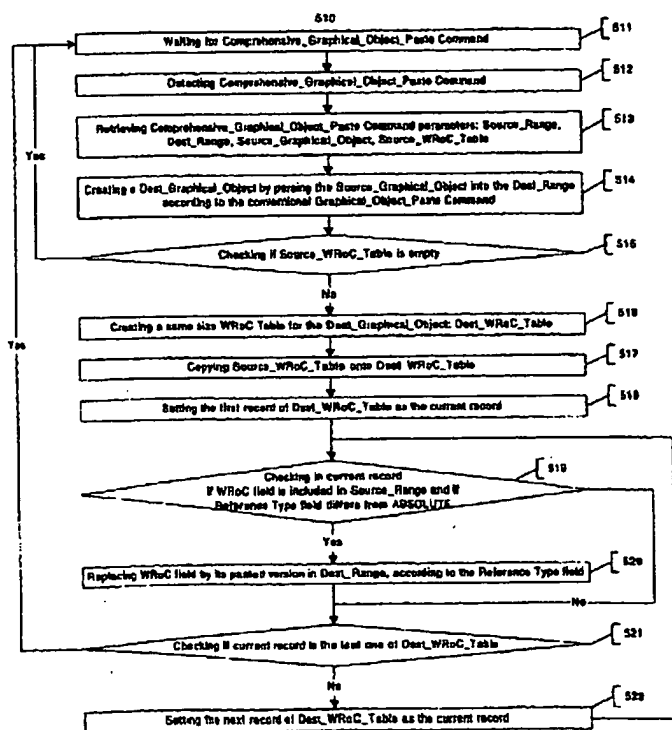
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(57) Abstract: The present invention discloses a system and method of copying and pasting a source range of cells (405) onto a destination range of cells (425) in a multi-dimensional spreadsheet comprising a plurality of cells identified by a cell address along each dimension, a range of cells comprising one or a plurality of cells, said source range of cells (405) comprising one or a plurality of working ranges of cells (401), and one or a plurality of fastening ranges of cells in which one or a plurality of graphical objects are represented (402, 403, 404), said one or plurality of graphical objects being associated with said one or plurality of working ranges of cells.

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